

# MLTI Student Conference T-Shirt Design Contest

## Submission Guidelines

### Eligibility:

- Open to any 5th-10th grade student who attends a participating MLTI school district during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Students may work in teams, but the design must be an original piece of artwork created by eligible students.

### Conference Theme

- The theme for the MLTI Student Conference at UMaine is “Camp MLTI” and all submissions should include the text “Camp MLTI” as a central feature of the design. The conceptual theme is focused around camping and primary events at the conference will use that theme.
- Design elements may include (but are not limited to):
  - Camping in the woods (in a tent, camper, etc.)
  - Summer camp (Maine has over 125!)
  - Family camp on the lake or ocean
  - Campfires and cookouts
  - Hiking, kayaking, canoeing, etc.

**Submissions for the in-person t-shirt design are due no later than February 1st.**

### Submission Guidelines for both designs:

- *Optional:* Students may submit an artist statement (less than 200 words) with their design to help bring clarity to their adherence to the theme.
- ***Required:*** Submitted artwork must incorporate the phrase "MLTI Student Conference" and the year "2024" or "24".
- Students must incorporate [the MLTI logo](#) into their design.
- Every submission **must** be an original artwork. Any use of any photo, drawing, images, or elements created by any other person (other than the MLTI or Maine DOE logo) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- Please adhere to the guidelines for the [Scholastic Art and Writing Awards regarding copyright and plagiarism](#): Even if you have permission to use a work or if the work is in the public domain, the work that you submit to this competition must represent a new, original work. Additionally, changing the medium of an original work is not considered transformative. For example, a painting or drawing of a photograph taken from the Internet or a magazine is not considered original and should not be submitted.
- The artwork should be submitted as a high resolution image file.
- The submission design should be one color.
- Designs may be hand-drawn or digital.
- Acceptable file types: PNG, JPG, JPEG

- Color: T-shirts are one solid color with one color ink, and the student can suggest the color for each.
- The t-shirt design must fit on the front of the t-shirt.
- Signed Release: Each student must sign [this release](#) and include it in their submission.

### **Judging Criteria**

- **Guidelines:** Work clearly adheres to the submission guidelines.
- **Theme:** Work has represented the theme – either “Winter Classic” or “Camp MLTI”
- **Principles of Design:** Work incorporated the following elements of art: balance, emphasis, movement, pattern, repetition, proportion, rhythm, variety, and unity.

[Click here to submit a design!](#)

[Click here for more information about the MLTI Student Conferences.](#)

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact the MLTI Project Manager, Bethany Billinger, [bethany.billinger@maine.gov](mailto:bethany.billinger@maine.gov)